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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Outpatient PPS Hospitals

Medicaid Outpatient Laboratory Billing

Beginning July 1, 2014, Medicare revised the use of type of bill (TOB) 13x and 14x, and Medicaid will follow suit per Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM).

Under the current payment policy, laboratory tests that are bundled into the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) must be billed on a 13X claim with the primary service except under the following circumstances.

- Beginning July 1, 2014, TOB 14X will only be used in the following instance:
 - Non-patient laboratory specimen tests; not patient continues to be defined as a beneficiary who is neither an inpatient nor an outpatient of a hospital, but who has a specimen that is submitted for analysis to a hospital and the beneficiary is not physically present at the hospital.
- Beginning July 1, 2014, TOB 13X, with a L1 modifier will be used for the following instances:
 - When the hospital only provides laboratory tests to the patient (directly or under arrangement) and the patient does not also receive other hospital outpatient services during that same encounter; and
 - When the hospital provides a laboratory test (directly or under arrangement) during the same encounter as other hospital outpatient services that is clinically unrelated to the other hospital outpatient services, and the laboratory test is ordered by a different practitioner than the practitioner who ordered the other hospital outpatient services provided in the hospital outpatient setting.

Critical access hospitals (CAHs) are exempt from this requirement.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

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